

CLAIM AMENDMENTS

Claims 1-6. (Canceled)

7. (Previously Presented) A vehicle sun visor comprising a mirror with a cover mounted to a surface of a sun visor body and configured such that an illuminating device hidden by the cover is uncovered and illuminated when the cover is opened, wherein the vehicle sun visor further comprises:

an auxiliary lighting device that can light the illuminating device in the state where the cover is closed; and

a light leaking device that can leak the light of the illuminating device to the outside of the cover such that the illuminating device can illuminate the surface of the sun visor body in the state where the cover is closed.

8. (Previously Presented) The vehicle sun visor as in claim 7, wherein:

the auxiliary lighting device comprises:

a rotary switch operating when the sun visor body has been pivoted from a storage position along a ceiling of a vehicle and a light-shielding position on the side of a window glass of the vehicle; and

a timer circuit configured to be able to supply electric power to the illuminating device within a predetermined time period after the point when the rotary switch has been operated.

9. (Previously Presented) The vehicle sun visor as in claim 7, wherein:

the light leaking device comprises a slit formed in an end edge of the cover.

10. (Previously Presented) The vehicle sun visor as in claim 7, wherein:

the light leaking device comprises a clearance that is formed between the cover and the sun visor body in the state where the cover is closed.

11. (Previously Presented) The vehicle sun visor as in claim 7, wherein:

the light leaking device comprises a slit formed in the sun visor body in such a position that is not hidden by the cover.

12. (Previously Presented) The vehicle sun visor as in claim 7, wherein:

the light leaking means comprises a transparent part formed on the cover and/or the sun visor body.

13. (Currently Amended) A vehicle sun visor comprising a mirror with a cover mounted to a surface of a sun visor body and configured such that an illuminating device hidden by the cover is uncovered and illuminated when the cover is opened, wherein:

the illuminating device is mounted to the cover;

the illuminating device has a light emitter and a light guide panel that directs and refracts the light emitted from the light emitter; and

the light guide panel is mounted to an inner surface of the cover in parallel thereto and refracts the light emitted from the light emitter in a direction opposite to away from the cover and substantially perpendicular to the cover after guiding the light along the inner surface of the cover.

14. (Currently Amended) The vehicle sun visor as in claim 13, wherein:

~~the illuminating device has a light emitter comprising~~ comprises an LED, ~~and a light guide panel that directs and refracts the light emitted from the light emitter; and~~

~~the light guide panel is mounted to an inner surface of the cover in parallel thereto and refracts the light emitted from the light emitter in a direction opposite to the cover after guiding the light along the inner surface of the cover.~~

15. (Currently Amended) The vehicle sun visor as in claim ~~[[14]]~~ 13, wherein the light guide panel is configured such that a larger amount of light is refracted as the distance from the light emitter increases.

16. (Currently Amended) The vehicle sun visor as in claim 13, wherein the illuminating device comprises a pair of first and second illuminating devices each having the light emitter and the light guide panel, and the first and second illuminating devices are disposed on opposite sides ~~is disposed on either side of~~ the cover in the widthwise direction and spaced from each other.

17. (New) The vehicle sun visor as in claim 13, wherein the light emitter opposes to a side edge of the light guide panel in a direction substantially parallel to the inner surface of the cover.